

# RANDALL'S ISLAND TOMORROW:

Jean Horie of the American Youth Congress, and Harry Van Arsdale of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

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Battlefields

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**YOUTH AGAINST DRAFT:** These are members of the Youth Commission against War demonstrating in Washington against the Burke-Wadsworth Conscription Bill. The placards express the sentiments of young men like the ones above who would be the first called under the measure.

## USSR Unites Moldavians In a Republic

Joins Part of Bessarabia to Area Now 13th Republic

(By Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Aug. 2.—An evening session of the Supreme Soviet voted unanimously on the formation of the Moldavian Union Republic and the inclusion of Northern Bukovina in the Ukrainian Soviet Republic.

With tremendous applause, both Chambers of the Soviet approved government bills effecting the changes and creating the thirteenth Union Republic.

Stalin, Molotov, all members of the Soviet government and the members of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet were present at the session.

The historic decision was made after delegations representing the Bessarabian and Northern Bukovina peoples had taken the floor to express their heartfelt gratitude at this act which finally and conclusively liberates them from Russian rule.

Earlier Deputy Konstantinov, chairman of the Council of Peoples Commissars of the Moldavian Autonomous Republic, had reported on the proposals to unite the two regions with Soviet Ukraine and Moldavia.

### SAVED FROM RUIN

He drew a graphic picture of the ruin and pauperism of the rich and fertile areas of Bessarabia under Rumanian domination.

He charged that Rumania's rulers strove to convert Bessarabia into a base for military attack against the Soviet Union, and that vital industrial enterprises were removed from the area. These moves, he said, were additional factors in making the entire Bessarabian population sympathetic to the Soviet Union.

"During the first fourteen years of Rumanian occupation," Konstantinov reported, "the population of

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## Helsinki Cops Attack Rally of USSR Friends

Workers Resist Them—Women, Old People Are Beaten

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

HELSINKI, Finland, Aug. 2.—While a draft-minded Senate Military Affairs Committee today turned a deaf ear to the growing storm of protests against the Burke-Wadsworth conscription bill, defeating an amendment which would have limited the number drafted to 1,000,000, Harry H. Woodring, who served four years as President Roosevelt's secretary of war, joined the thousands of individuals and hundreds of organizations who have condemned the measure.

The former war secretary who was eased out of the cabinet a month ago to make way for Republican Henry L. Stimson declared that the bill "smacked of totalitarianism."

He made his stand known only a few hours after President Roosevelt had renewed his support for the legislation to regiment upward of 30,000,000 Americans by declaring that the bill was "essential to adequate national defense."

In his letter to Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan, Woodring wrote:

"I cannot see the need of compulsory military training at this time and I would like to see the bill amended so that it does not become effective until, and after,

the Chief of Staff of the Army has first advised the Senate in writing that the voluntary system has completely broken down."

He declared that "the voluntary

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## Charge British Seize Food Bound for France

VICHY, Aug. 2 (UPI).—The newspaper Le Temps said today that during recent weeks the British blockade fleet had seized 250,000 tons of foodstuffs destined for France.

Pierre Caziot, Minister for Agriculture and supplies, announced further food rationing and an increase in the number of meatless days.

He said the new restrictions would affect milk and butter but insisted "France is not facing a famine although the British blockade and the presence of the German Army force France to adopt

rations during the coming winter."

## Hamburg Port Now in Ruins, British Claim

100 German Cities Hit in Drive Against All Blitzkrieg Bases'

LONDON, Aug. 2 (UP).—The great port of Hamburg, Germany's second largest city, is "practically in ruins" as result of devastating British air bombings which have cut a swath of flaming ruin across more than 100 German cities containing military objectives, British spokesman said today.

Germany's great Krupp armaments works at Essen have been heavily bombed in daytime and nighttime raids, the air ministry said.

Thousands of tons of bombs dropped on Bremen, Nazi seaport second only to Hamburg in importance, were said to have destroyed ship yards, quays, docks and the famous Focke-Wulf airplane factory.

Describing knockout aerial blows

in the past 90 days aimed at wrecking possible blitzkrieg "jumping off" points, the spokesman claimed that "irreparable damage" had been inflicted on scores of German cities by British planes operating in constant relays of day-and-night attacks.

PAMPHLETS FOR BRITAIN

Meanwhile German planes staged a "propaganda bombing" of the British Isles Thursday, dumping thousands of leaflets, concentrated their efforts on southern and southwestern England.

For hours the planes flew back

and forth dropping the leaflets, and

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## Text of UAW Resolution Assailing Conscription

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 2.—The following is the resolution against conscription unanimously adopted by the United Auto Workers convention here today. In its adoption, several suggestions were added by convention action which will intensify organization of the battle against the compulsory military service measure, including requests to individual members of the union that they flood Congress with wires against the proposal.

WHEREAS: The CIO has pledged its full support for the program on national defense for this country, and

WHEREAS: It is not the opinion of competent authorities at this time, that there is a necessity for a compulsory military conscription, and

WHEREAS: This country has grown great and prosperous under a democratic form of government and was made so by people who believe in the inalienable right of mankind to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and

WHEREAS: One of the main precepts of this form of government is voluntary military service in peace times and no large standing army, and

WHEREAS: The development of a huge standing army is fraught with danger, because in the future, it may lead to imperialistic adventures, and the development of a military caste in this country, and

WHEREAS: Compulsory military conscription is entirely foreign to our mode of life and existence, and

WHEREAS: This is a potential danger to organized labor and individuals connected with the labor movement, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the United Automobile Workers of America in convention assembled, register itself as unalterably opposed to any form of compulsory military services at this time, and do everything in their power to prevent this from taking place, and be it further

RESOLVED: That the policies of the National CIO relative to conscription as expressed by John L. Lewis before the convention, be endorsed and be it further

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be sent to Representative Andrew J. May, Chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee and to Senator Morris Shepard, Chairman of the Senate Military Committee and that we urge upon our local unions to send identical resolutions to their Senators and Congressmen.

## Weather

Local — Partly cloudy, moderate temperature and moderate north-east to east winds. Increasing cloudiness and warmer Sunday.

Eastern New York—partly warmer in the interior with local showers in central and north portions.

Warn Bill Will Lead to Imperialistic Adventures

## WIRE WASHINGTON

Ask All Members, Locals to Wire Congressmen

By Louis F. Budenz (Daily Worker Staff Correspondent)

ST. LOUIS, Mo., August 2.—Branding conscription as "a potential danger to organized labor," the United Auto Workers convention today unanimously registered itself as "unalterably opposed to any form of compulsory military services at this time."

Declaring further that such conscription is "entirely foreign to our mode of life and existence" the convention pledged the national organization and its affiliates "to do everything in their power to prevent this from taking place."

"The development of a huge standing army is fraught with danger," declared the resolution unanimously adopted, "because in the future it may lead to imperialistic adventures and the development of a military caste in this country."

Specifically "the policies of the National CIO relative to conscription as expressed by John L. Lewis" were endorsed, and it was agreed that a nation-wide campaign would be launched against the proposed compulsory service.

It was decided that immediately copies of the resolution should be sent to Representative May, chairman of the House Military Committee and to Senator Morris Shepard, chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee.

ASK FOR FLOOD OF WIRES

The grim and universal determination on the part of the delegates that a dynamic campaign be inaugurated for the defeat of the conscription measure was attested to by the suggestions which came from the floor that a flood of telegrams and letters be organized from individual members of local unions. These suggestions for enlarging and intensifying the drive against a conscript army were accepted by the committee and added to the original resolution as presented.

The wire to Hillman follows:

"Press reports here state you guaranteed United Automobile Workers convention, St. Louis, as labor representative of National Defense Council, that no retreat from gains labor made under the New Deal, including wages, would be tolerated by the council."

"This is to inform you that Boeing Aircraft Co., holding millions in Government armaments contracts, is now attempting to

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## Continue Search For Bodies in Camden Fire

CAMDEN, N. J., Aug. 2 (UP).—Tons of water were poured again on the still smoldering ruins of Camden's disastrous \$2,000,000 fire today so that search could be continued for the bodies of the missing.

As the city commission and the grand jury started investigations, the known death toll stood at four. Five persons still were missing and it happened virtually certain they had perished in the flames and series of explosions that swept the R. M. Hollingshead Co. plant, largest automotive chemical works in the world, last Tuesday and spread to neighboring homes. The smoking rubble yesterday and last night yielded the bodies of two more cremated victims.

This motion was adopted and the resolution therefore, came before the convention immediately after the noon adjournment.

## WIRE FLOW BEGINS

Scarcely was the resolution carried when a flood of telegrams began to flow from St. Louis to Washington, the respective delegates and local union delegates beginning a bombardment of the House and Senate Military Affairs committees with strong communications of protest. The telegraph operators in the press room off the convention hall were kept busy forwarding the protests.

The Plymouth Local 51 and the Ford local, both of Detroit took the lead in these wires, sending a de-

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## Browder Hails Ohio Communists On Sending \$2,500 to Fund Drive

Earl Browder, Communist Presidential candidate, sent a message of congratulation yesterday to the Ohio District of the Communist Party after receiving an announcement that the district was sending \$2,500 today to the Daily Worker Fund Drive.

The announcement came from Andrew Onda stating that the check for \$2,500 was being sent to bring the total Ohio contributions to fund to \$4,500. An additional \$2,500 was pledged by September 15.

"Ohio sending tomorrow \$2,500 additional, making a total of \$4,500 toward Ohio's quota, including \$500 from the Young Communist League for the Youth Fund.

"With 45 per cent of our goal achieved we continue our efforts for rapid completion of the drive. We promise \$2,500 more by September after the meeting in Cincinnati August 25 at which James W. Ford will speak and the September 11 meeting at which William Z. Foster will be the main speaker."

Browder's message said:

"In achieving 45 per cent of your quota in record time you have set an example for every state organization. Your achievement shows that ever wider sections of the workers and people are ready to support the Daily Worker and the election campaign of our Party."

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Delegates of Washington trade union, women's and youth groups today descended on Capitol Hill to present their protests against the un-American conscription bills and to demand that the public be given an opportunity to be heard on these measures.

Officials of the CIO Cafeteria, Construction and Shoe unions met with Senator Sheppard of the Senate Military Affairs Committee. They expressed their opposition to the Burke-Wadsworth bill and the various amendments aimed at "sugar-coating this poison."

They left a statement in which they declared that, "This measure would help the union hating employers who, by refusing to rehire active and militant trade unionists, would be able to weaken and smash the trade union organizations."

The delegations composed of the WILPF, Washington Peace Mobilization, the ASU and AYC repre-

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## 3 Loyalist Soldiers Saved From Deportation to Spain



Juan R. Manzanaro Angel L. Merchante Juan L. Guerrera  
All three of these Spain veterans faced deportation to Spain where summary execution would have been their lot. Intervention by the Mexican government saved them. Sr. Manzanaro, an engineer, is president of the International Maritime and Fishermen's Union. He was a Brigade Commander in the Spanish Republican Army. Sr. Merchante was a lieutenant, and Sr. Guerrera a captain.

### U. S. Probing Hitler Agent In Scarsdale

Host of Big Business Men Investigated by District Attorney

The State Department and other branches of the Federal government are preparing complete files on Dr. Gerhard Alois Westrick, special Nazi emissary to American business, it was learned yesterday following disclosures that prominent industrialists had been visitors to his rented home at Scarsdale, N. Y.

Material gathered in separate investigations by these departments eventually will be consolidated, it was said.

The New York City District Attorney, meanwhile, prepared to step into the case at the request of Carroll E. Mealey, director of the State Motor Vehicle Bureau. Mealey revoked Dr. Westrick's license because the German, who formerly lived in a New York hotel, had not notified the bureau of a change of address. Mealey asked the district attorney to look into reports Dr. Westrick had a wooden leg and had falsely sworn he was not disabled when he took out a license.

Harold A. Callan, Wall Street attorney, whose estate Dr. Westrick rented, was reported en route to Scarsdale from his vacation home at Chatham, Mass., "to protect his property and interests."

Scarsdale police posted a policeman to guard the property until his arrival.

### Petain Regime Appoints Envoy To United States

VICHY, France, Aug. 2 (UPI)—Marshal Henri Philippe Petain's government announced today the appointment of Henri Haye as Ambassador to the United States, replacing Count René Saint-Quentin, who has been placed on the waiting list.

### Panama 'Spies' Are European Refugees

Stimson Whips Up War Hysteria in 'Foreign Agent' Report

BALBOA, Aug. 2 (UPI)—Information from army headquarters today said that 81 "foreign agents" described in Washington by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson as under arrest in the Panama Canal Zone consist chiefly of European refugees picked up during the past few months because their papers were not in order.

Twenty of those held, it was said, were refugees who had been working in the zone and lost their jobs. Then they were lodged in quarantine in the course of a general cleanup which has been in progress in the Canal Zone since March.

Forty-eight European refugees were picked up because their papers were not in order and they too were turned over to quarantine authorities. Also lodged in quarantine are 13 women and children, dependents of the held refugees.

All 81 of those held were described as Jews or non-Jews married to Jews. Some were stranded on the Canal Zone while en route to South American countries. They were unable to proceed because visa regulations were changed while they were awaiting passage here.

### 'Amerasia' Editor To Speak on China

China's struggle against Japanese invaders and imperialist appeasement will be the subject of the lecture to be given by Philip J. Jaffe, editor of "Amerasia," Monday at 8:30 P. M. at Manhattan Center, 34th St. and Eighth Ave., under the auspices of the American Committee for Friendship with the Soviet Union.

### Refugee Aid Group Gets Trio Passport to Mexico

The S. S. Monterey, of the Cuba Mail Line, steamed out of New York harbor yesterday bound for Mexico with three young Spanish Loyalist Army officers and trade unionists aboard, who had been saved from deportation to Franco Spain, where certain death awaited them, through the efforts of the United American Spanish Aid Committee, 200 Fifth Ave.

Permission for the three veterans to depart to a country of their own choice had been requested of the Department of Immigration at Washington by the committee and this morning telegraphic approval was received at Ellis Island. The committee had succeeded in obtaining Mexican visas for them with the aid of F. Castillo Najera, Mexican Ambassador to the United States.

Yesterday, in line with immigration law requirements, the committee paid all expenses of the ex-soldiers including the purchase of their tickets to safety on the Monterey. The vessel's departure was delayed for thirty minutes while final passport details were being completed in the office of the Mexican Consulate at 70 Pine St., where Consul General Rafael de la Collina took personal charge of their cases.

#### FATHER EXECUTED

One of the veterans is Juan Rodriguez Manzanares, 34, who was a Brigade Commander in the Spanish Republican Army, and whose 74-year-old father was executed by Franco last October only because his son was a Republican Army officer.

Manzanares had been president of the International Maritime and Fishermen's Union, which had a membership of 15,000 throughout Spain.

His compatriots, Juan Lopez Guerrera, 25, and Angel Lucas Merchante, 21, had served, respectively, as Captain in the Loyalist forces and a Lieutenant in the Tank Brigade. The former was a leading member of the Painters' Union, in Malaga, Spain, and the latter belonged to the Mechanics' Union.

### DeGaulle Sentenced To Death

VICHY, France, Aug. 2 (UPI)—The Petain Government today sentenced to death General Charles De Gaulle, so-called leader of "Free French" being recruited in England, and ordered its new Supreme Court to convene at Lyon next Thursday to fix the "war guilt" of former French leaders.

A military tribunal at Clermont-Ferrand, trying De Gaulle in absentia, convicted him of treason, desertion in wartime and plotting with a foreign power "against the security of the State" by attempting to enlist Frenchmen in a foreign army.



STRAIGHT UP: First showing of the new PA-36 autogiro is staged at Pitcairn Field, Hatboro, Pa., for benefit of army and navy observers. Pictured soaring over a ribbon hazard, the machine can rise vertically, needs no runway.

### Soviet Union Unites All Moldavians in Republic

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Kishinev was reduced by one-third. A fertile land, Bessarabia, was reduced to a land of paupers.

"The prosperity of the Moldavian Autonomous Republic of the USSR presents a drastic contrast to this picture of degradation. The Republic possesses a big food industry and has 235 industrial enterprises.

"The Moldavian Autonomous Republic is a country of highly developed agriculture and horticulture. From an illiterate state it has become a country with one hundred per cent literacy.

"Following the liberation of Bessarabia, the Moldavian people were faced with new national, economic and cultural tasks demanding new forms of statehood.

"The Council of Peoples Commissioners and the regional committee of the Bolshevik Party therefore proposed joining the Moldavian population of Bessarabia to this Republic and the formation of a Moldavian Union Republic.

#### UNITES PEOPLE

"Taking into account the interests of the large Ukrainian population of Bessarabia and North Bukovina, it was simultaneously proposed that North Bukovina and the Khotin, Akkerman and Izmail districts of Bessarabia, where the Ukrainian population is predominant, be joined to the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic.

"The northern part of Bukovina," he said, "is linked with the Soviet Ukraine by a community of nationality and language. Popular mass rallies in Chernovitz and other Bukovina cities and villages demanded affiliation with the Soviet Union far back as 1918. This uniting of the Ukrainian people into a great Socialist family is now accomplished."

Following Konstantinov's report, the chairman of the Council of the People's Commissars of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Korinets, declared that the entire Ukrainian people are profoundly satisfied with this act of redressed injustice—the liberation of Bessarabia."

The next session of the Supreme Soviet will be held tomorrow.

### Mass Printing Of Molotov's Speech Starts

Workers Library Publishers announces that it is rushing to press a mass one-cent pamphlet, entitled *Soviet Foreign Relations*, the complete text of the speech delivered by Premier and Commissar of Foreign Affairs, V. M. Molotov, before the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. on Aug. 1. In this speech, Molotov evaluates recent world events and discusses Soviet relations with various foreign powers, including the United States today.

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# Auto Union Parley Votes Unanimously Against Draft

Warns Bill Will Lead to Imperialistic Adventures; Wires Washington, Asks All Locals to Do Same

(Continued from Page 1)

mend to Senators Prentiss Brown and Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan to oppose the measure and declaring that they stood with National CIO position as stated by President Lewis. Local 248 of West Allis, Wis., followed close behind and additional local after local then kept the wires hot with their "unalterable opposition" to the conscription measure.

In the discussion of the resolution, Frank Nowoski of Dodge Local 3 announced that he was probably "the youngest delegate to the convention being 22 years of age" and of the conscription age he urged the convention to let the country know that we are opposed to this measure." Calling upon the delegates to "support the position of our great leader, John L. Lewis," he declared that the workers "will defend our nation when necessary, without compulsion. We do not want to become a weapon of imperialist adventure."

Ed Hall of Chicago followed with a strong appeal that telegrams be sent to all senators and that a proposal to this effect be added to the resolution as presented by James Tindahl of Local 190, added that the resolution also contain a request for "an individual avalanche of telegrams, resolutions and letters from your members. Both suggestions were adopted by the committee and were incorporated verbally into the resolution.

#### VOTE UNANIMOUS

The eagerness of the delegates to show a unanimous front on the matter was expressed when the time to take the vote arrived. Cries of "Everybody rise — nobody remain sitting" came from all corners of the hall. There was a generous wave of applause when president Thomas declared that the resolution had been adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

As the convention got its teeth into its detailed work, a series of resolutions was adopted, calling for an extension of low cost housing and endorsing Senate Bill 591, which provides for further housing of this character.

The majority of the day was taken up with consideration of proposed changes to the union constitution. Most of the proposals were rejected as impractical for one reason or another. Outstanding among such decisions from an organizational viewpoint was unanimous defeat of the proposal to re-establish the offices of vice presidents which had been eliminated at the Cleveland unity convention of 1939.

It was agreed, however, that the constitution should contain provisions making it mandatory for local unions to affiliate with state CIO Industrial Councils, but "duty" for them to join CIO city bodies. President Thomas expressed the opinion that this was a step towards making it obligatory for the local unions to join both kinds of central bodies, the matter being stated to be an educational problem.

Attempt to amend the constitu-

tion to provide for election of international officers by referendum vote of the membership was defeated after a spirited debate. Tracy Dill, chairman of the Wayne County CIO council in Detroit, took the lead in supporting the referendum proposal.

Delegate Nat. Ganely of local 155 swayed the convention against the proposal, however in an extensive review of "The evils" which have developed from "so-called rank and file referendum procedure in International unions" Ganely cited in particular the case of William Hutcheson, Pres. of the United Brotherhood of carpenters and joiners whom the speaker declared is one of the most reactionary labor leaders in the country. Hutcheson maintains his power through alleged referendums of the membership" Ganely charged.

## Harrison Officials Seek To Eave Rape Case

**Police, Judge Eager to Deny They Lean to Playboy Because He Is Rich and Victim Is Poor**

By Ann Rivington

HARRISON, N. Y., Aug. 2.—Harrison officials, when I questioned them this morning about the third postponement of the hearing in a rape case against William Alexander Stuart, appeared excessively eager to offset an impression that they had been trying to protect young Stuart or to

evidence before we're sure—we'd expose ourselves." He did not explain what he meant by "exposure."

Confronted with the mother's statements about Molly's delirious talk in the hospital, which pointed to young Stuart as her attacker, Chief Connor said, categorically, "What the mother told you is all wet. She doesn't know the facts."

The honorable Justice Venezia also invited me to sit down. I was anxious for him to explain the statement in the local newspaper that the Stuart hearing had been secret.

#### JUDGE EXPLAINS

"Oh," his honor told me confidentially, "the local reporter meant by secret hearing that he wasn't admitted. That there hearing wasn't secret. There was a couple thousand people around here that day."

"In the court room?" I asked.

"No, but all the sidewalks were crowded for a block. I excluded 'em all out of the courtroom if they had no interest in the case. Still, there was about twenty-five inside: the boy's family and nurse and chauffeur, and the girl's family, and a couple of the girl's friends, and a couple of policemen."

Questioned as to when the scheduled public hearing would take place, he said, "This here case is set for next Friday at 11." But, of course we can't proceed till we get a complete statement from this here girl. But when it does come up, I'm going to exclude all reporters, on account of this local reporter here and the way he took a crack at the Chief and me both."

According to Mrs. Mary Capola, whom I talked in her flat at 117 Nelson Avenue, Molly regained consciousness sufficiently to recognize her mother and father, but does not remember how she came to the hospital.

The doctors say it will be a long time," she told me sadly. "They won't know a thing till they can get a complete statement from this here girl. But when it does come up, I'm going to exclude all reporters, on account of this local reporter here and the way he took a crack at the Chief and me both."

Questioned about the reason for withholding the facts of the case from the papers, Chief Connor said, "You know, we can't give out a lot of information and all our

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**GUILTY CONSCIENCE**

Getting right down to business, he said "As far as protecting this kid because he was rich is concerned, there's nothing to it." A few moments later, however, referring to the Stuart boy, he said indulgently, "After all, you know, kids will do a lot of things that older people like you and me, who have right judgment, wouldn't do at all."

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**WYNDHAM MORTIMER**

Wyndham Mortimer, Auto Union Veteran, Tells How Aircraft Workers Beat Red Scare to Join Union

By William Allan  
(Special to the Daily Worker)

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 2.—In an interview with the Daily Worker, Wyndham Mortimer, leader of the colorful California delegation at this fifth constitutional convention of the United Auto Workers Union, enumerated the excellent progress now being made in organizing the 150,000 aircraft workers in America.

Almost entirely representing the aircraft plants, the California delegates are creating a stir here with their ten-gallon sombreros, their musical talents and their recent great N.L.R.B. victory in the Vultee aircraft plant on the West Coast.

**3 TO 1 MAJORITY**

Mortimer, West Coast director of the aircraft drive, described the progress now being made. He stated that when assigned to his present post after the Cleveland convention, practically nothing existed in the way of unionism in the aircraft plants.

**HITS WAR HYSTERIA**

He branded attempts by the anti-union Associated Farmers and banking interests in Los Angeles to label unionism as a fifth column menace.

"We have made it plain," said Mortimer, "through statements and



# Three Fired From WPA Here for Union Activity

Dismissal Follows Alliance Picket Line Protesting Suspensions for 'False Signed Affidavits'

The first recent WPA firings attributed to the Workers Alliance directly to the fact that the victims were active union men occurred yesterday.

The dismissals were the direct result of the plea of Col. Breton Somervell for 50,000 stooplifters to send him the names of those suspected of being Communists.

The men fired were dismissed immediately after the picket line the Alliance held yes-

## Train-Truck Crash Kills Six Workers

**Victims of Grade Crossing Crash Were on Their Way to Work**

PATTEE, N. H., Aug. 2 (UPI).—Six men were killed today when a truck owned by a Baltimore, Md., electrical contracting firm was struck by a Boston & Maine Railroad passenger train at Blackwater crossing near here.

The dead were Walter Dietz, Cobleskill, N. Y.; Robert Bolick, West Jefferson, N. C., foreman of the six man electrical crew, Waldo Beard, Hillsboro, N. H., the driver, Robert Matthews, Hillsboro, N. H., and two others who were not identified immediately.

The train, enroute from White River Junction, Vt., to Concord, N. H., struck the truck dead center and carried it nearly 1,000 feet. None of the score of train passengers was hurt.

Among them were two more from the writers project, one from a recreational project and one from a special investigating unit assigned to see that project teachers do not teach "Communism or trade unionism."

Yesterday morning the Workers Alliance led a picket demonstration at the bibliography project, 625 Madison Ave. from which Maxwell Bodenhamer, noted author has been suspended.

Tuesday noon the Alliance has called a demonstration at the WPA sewing project, 36th St. and tenth Ave.

The demonstration is called to establish civil rights on the project and to aid the 3,000 women engaged on it to get an opportunity to make up lost time.

According to Alliance leaders yesterday quotas of the workers on the project has been doubled under orders of "efficiency experts" who have been sent to the project by the WPA administration.

Their treatment of the women

has been the subject of a protest meeting already. Women on the project, Alliance leaders declared, are forced to work in two shifts, one starting early in the morning and the other starting at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

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## Midwest Speeds Drive for C.P. Petition Names

Ohio Communist Membership Mobilized on an Emergency Basis; 20 Counties in Illinois Canvassed; Fight Phila. Intimidation

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CLEVELAND, Aug. 2.—With the entire Communist Party throughout the state mobilized on an emergency basis, leaders expressed confidence today that the drive to secure a total of 40,000 signatures on petitions to place Communist candidates on the ballot will be completed by Aug. 11.

At a state-wide outing last Sunday, 800 of the Party's most active members from every city reported a total of 32,000 signatures collected to date and pledged final completion by the Aug. 11 deadline.

The outing also heard a report that an additional \$2,500 for the National Campaign Fund had been raised, bringing Ohio's total to date to \$4,500.

Speakers praised the activity of the Ohio Young Communist League in both the signature and fund drives. The YCL has secured 7,200 signatures, has raised \$500 for the National Youth Fund for the election campaign.

A third pledge of an additional \$2,500 for the National Campaign Fund by Sept. 10 was made at the outing.

### 20 ILLINOIS COUNTIES CANVASSED

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—More than 20 counties have been canvassed in Illinois in the Communist Party signature campaign to put its candidates on the ballot here, it was announced today.

Several counties have already fulfilled the legal requirement of at least 200 signatures. A total of 1,300 signatures have been secured downstate, in addition to 5,500 in Chicago.

Meanwhile, dozens of crews continued to work this week, concentrating on the downstate counties. According to Campaign Committee chairman Jack Martin, the drive is being intensified here in spite of the interference of police and vigilante elements.

"We're confident that we will complete 60 counties and we have every intention of filing more than enough signatures by Sept. 1," Martin declared.

Meanwhile, a successful signature drive was also being carried on in Chicago's Black Belt, where separate petitions are being filed for the candidacy of William L. Patterson, running on the Communist ticket for U. S. Congressman from the 1st District. More than 2,000 of the required 4,000 signatures have already been secured for the Negro leader.

### NOTABLES FLAY PHILA. INTIMIDATION

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 2.—Branding the police intimidation of citizens who signed Communist Party nominating petitions as "destructive of our democratic processes," the Committee for People's Rights today revealed that it has received the support of outstanding American leaders in its drive to safeguard civil liberties.

The Committee announced that the following individuals have pledged their support:

Max Yergan, president of the National Negro Congress; Dashiel Hammett; Martha Dodd; Edwin Avery Burgum; Oliver LaFarge; John Howard Lawson; Rabbi Moses Miller of the Jewish Peoples Committee; Hon. Stanley M. Isaacs, president of the Borough of Manhattan; Rev. Owen A. Knox, chairman of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties; George Marshall of New York; Dr. Mary E. Woolley, president emeritus of Mt. Holyoke College; Rockwell Kent, and many others.

In a statement denouncing the campaign of intimidation as "un-American and contrary to the principle of minority rights," the Committee urged "that this investigation by local police into so-called petition irregularities cease."

The committee revealed that policemen are visiting the homes of those whose names appear on the Communist petitions and leaving with each signer a questionnaire

## \$5,000 Bail Frees Pitts. C.P. Leader

### Defense Committee Will Defend 63 in Ballot Petition Case

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 2.—David Miller, secretary of the Westmoreland County Organization of the Communist Party was released in \$5,000 bail today. Charges had been brought against him and ten other workers in connection with the circulation of nominating petitions to place the Communist Party on the ballot in this state.

With Miller's release all eleven of those arrested are now out on bail. The gross bail totals almost \$30,000 for the eleven.

The information on which the eleven were arrested will be presented to Westmoreland County grand jury next week. If the grand jury hands down a true bill the cases will be set for trial at the end of August.

There is no difference between these cases and those of the 43 workers arrested in Allegheny County or the three arrested in Beaver County earlier last month. In each case the charges are the same and amount to persecution of those who successfully collected the 28,000 signatures in Western Pennsylvania which placed the party on the ballot.

Lawyers for the defense committee here consider that strength of the prosecution lies in the war hysteria developed in western Pennsylvania, and not in the legality of the charges.

The release of the eleven Westmoreland County workers was hailed as another victory for the defense committee by E. P. (Pat) Cusack, veteran labor leader and secretary of the Defense Committee.

However, Cusack declared that "The large number of trials which will be coming up by the end of August, sixty-five workers having been arrested in the last sixty days, will place a great burden on the defense committee. We will need large sums of money for all sorts of legal expenses. Having done one job in getting the workers out of jail, we must now defend them."

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The statement points out that appearance at a police station and answering the questionnaires are voluntary acts, cannot be enforced by law.

### INDIANA C.P. LEADERS FREED

(Special to the Daily Worker)

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 2.—Mabel Mitchell, state treasurer of the Communist Party, and Virginia Bond were freed yesterday in Municipal Court after dismissal of charges based on their collection of signatures on Party ballot petitions.

They were arrested a week ago and held under \$1,000 bond each. Attempts to use the arrest to halt the collection of signatures failed completely.

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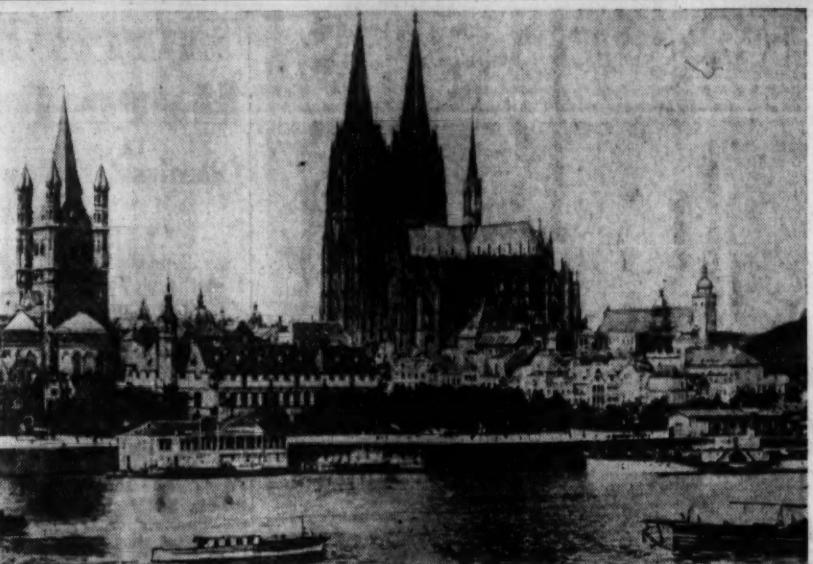
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IN RUINS: This is a view of Cologne on the Rhine, which the British claim is "practically in ruins" as a result of RAF air raids. The same claim was made yesterday for Hamburg, Germany's biggest port and second largest city.

## C.P. Election Drive Hums—Cacchione

### Campaign Director Reports on Activity in 3 States

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 2 (UPI)—Departure of the Great Lakes steamer, Carrollton, from the barge canal terminal was delayed today by a strike of its crew over union recognition.

The crew of the steel carrier walked off the vessel yesterday in protest of the owner's alleged refusal to recognize the National Maritime Union, CIO, as their bargaining agent.

Similar action took place at Saginaw, Mich., where the crew of the steamer, Saginaw, went on strike. Both ships are owned and operated by the Saginaw Dock and Terminal Corporation.

The Carrollton arrived here early this week with a cargo of steel reportedly destined for England.

In sections of New Jersey, there is a great deal of sentiment on behalf of the Communist ticket, and FDR clubs are being formed in Negro districts. Trade unionists and workers who have never before voted Communist, are since the Democratic convention, asking pertinent questions on war, the draft bill and social legislation. They are comparing platforms and candidates of the various parties.

### ATTACKS ON FOREIGN-BORN

Cacchione stressed that in many sections of the country where his tour has taken him there is a great deal of concern with attacks on foreign-born and their immediate descendants. The registration of aliens, once it gets under way, he writes, will have considerable weight in the elections, much to the dismay of the Republican and Democratic parties.

In Ohio, the secretary of the National Election Committee reported that 30,000 signatures on nominating petitions have been collected and that by early August, 40,000 will be filed. It is noted in this Ohio drive that Negroes are very eager to sign the petitions.

Cacchione's campaign tour will extend to early September when he returns to resume work from national election headquarters as well as campaign for his own candidacy in Brooklyn. His schedule calls for: Missouri and Arkansas, Aug. 5, 6; Iowa, Aug. 8, 9; Wisconsin, Aug. 11, 12, 13; Upper Michigan, Aug. 15, 16; Minnesota, Aug. 19, 20, 21; Eastern Pennsylvania, Aug. 23, 24, 25; Connecticut, Aug. 26, 27, 28; Massachusetts, Aug. 29, 30, 31; Sept. 1; and Western Pennsylvania, Sept. 7, 8, 9, 10.

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### Furniture Local Renews 50 of 125 Contracts

(Special to the Daily Worker)

At a special quarterly meeting of the United Furniture Workers, Local 76-B, CIO, Max Perlow, manager of the Local reported to the membership that the union has already renewed 50 contracts with employers whose agreements expired Aug. 1 to Sept. 1.

In most cases these agreements provide for increases in wages.

It was also reported that there are still 75 shops where agreements have not been renewed but a majority of those expire on Sept. 1.

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# Civic, Labor Groups Over U. S. Back Peace Mobilization

## Local Bodies Vow Support to Chicago Rally

Dr. Thompson Sounds Alarm on Draft's Menace to U. S.

By Carl Harris

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
CHICAGO, Aug. 2—Dozens of local movements are being organized to fight the war draft, it was announced here today by the Committee to Defend America by Keeping Out of War.

Acting Secretary Abbott Simon showed this reporter messages from many communities where the citizenry have become aroused to a fighting fury against efforts to conscript the nation's youth for a war they don't want.

"People have been struck now with the full realization of the meaning of this monstrous step toward regimentation," he declared.

The Committee is sponsoring the huge Emergency Peace Mobilization which will bring some 30,000 delegates to Chicago in the greatest coast-to-coast anti-war action that has yet been held in this country. This will take place on August 31, in the Chicago Stadium.

### BUFFALO SENDS SUPPORT

Among the scores of messages which were pouring into the Committee's office here at 203 N. Washington Ave., today was one from Buffalo, N. Y., which declared:

"In Buffalo, the city of good neighbors, there is undoubtedly a great majority of our citizens who feel that American democracy can best be preserved by fighting for our democratic institutions and staying out of war."

"In line with this, several leaders of the community, representatives of the church, labor, civic and social organizations have set up here in Buffalo a branch of the National Committee to Defend America by Keeping Out of War. Now is the time for all peace-loving citizens to speak out in clear, unmistakable voices against the hysteria that is being whipped up."

Meanwhile, trade unions were playing a leading role in mobilizing for the peace demonstration.

A letter received by the Committee from the Timber and Sawmill Workers Union, Local 15, Gene Sarni, secretary-treasurer, declared:

"We can well appreciate the need at this time for mobilizing the people for the purpose of peace and the protection of civil rights and the standard of living of the American people. So as to assure participation in this important conference of yours, we are concentrating on having a delegation from the steel, copper and woodworking industries of the Upper Peninsula (Michigan)."

Another endorsement for the anti-war rally was received from the Farm Equipment Workers Organizing Committee, Grant Oakes, chairman. He said:

"In these days in which a whole host of reactionary legislation is being brought forth under the pretense that we can defend democracy by out-Hitlering Hitler, it is of the utmost importance that the American people be given an opportunity to speak out against war and measures meant to involve our country in war."

### DICTATORS MOVE

Meanwhile, a stirring alarm against the menace of the conscription bill was raised here today by Rev. John B. Thompson, newly elected national chairman of the Committee to Defend America by Keeping Out of War.

Rev. Thompson charged that the bill was "a huge stride toward dictatorship and American involvement in war."

"Much of alleged support for this bill has been created by sheer hysteria and fear, but actually the American people, organized and unorganized, are firmly against this attempt to impose extreme regimentation on them."

The distinguished Protestant leader, who is also the chairman of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, stopped in Chicago on his way to Washington, where he will bring a sharp protest against the Burke-Wadsworth conscription bill before the House Military Affairs Committee.

"Economic and social welfare are the first line of national defense," Rev. Thompson declared. "This move to draft the nation can be viewed as nothing but a menace to our national safety and our fundamental American rights."

Besides Dr. Thompson, other members of the committee, which numbers 100, include Theodore Dreiser, Dr. Harry Elmer Barnes, Jack McMichael, chairman of the American Youth Congress; George Nelson, president of the Wisconsin Farmers Union; Reid Robinson, president of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union; Oscar Ameringer, editor of the American Guardian; Professor Franz Boas, Naomi Ellison, chairman of the National Industrial Assembly of the YMCA; Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union; Dr. Metz Lochard, of the Chicago Defender; Kenneth Leslie, editor of the Protestant Digest; and Dr. Max Yergan, chairman of the National Negro Congress.

## Negro Youth Assail Conscription Bill

Protest Movement Sweeping Nation; Ohio Congressmen Oppose Draft as People Deluge Capital With Wires, Letters

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Negro youth of America today joined the powerful people's protest movement against compulsory military conscription.

Louis E. Burnham, secretary of the Youth Council of the National Negro Congress, placed that organization on record against the Draft Bill in a letter to President Roosevelt charging that the measure is "inconsistent with the needs of a genuine defense program."

Burnham demanded that the President "use democratic methods in the defense of democracy."

"Negro youth," he wrote, "joins with the entire young generation in pledging their energies, talents, and if need be, their lives for the genuine defense of their country."

## Congressmen Oppose Draft

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CLEVELAND, Aug. 2.—A poll of Ohio's 26 Congressmen reveals that mounting public sentiment is compelling them in the direction of opposition to the Burke-Wadsworth Conscription Bill.

Only one of the 26 has favored the measure; many are outspoken in their opposition to it.

All but two of the state's legislators replied to a questionnaire. Some of the answers follows:

Representative J. H. McGregor: "The bill is the first step of the goose-step."

Representative Frederick C. Smith: "It would push us into war, adopt the Hitler plan for ending unemployment, wreck our liberties still further, and be the final factor in creating a dictatorship."

Representative J. Seccombe: "The bill would be an invasion of our personal liberties in peace time."

### HEAVY OPPOSITION

Many of the Congressmen reported that their mail-bags outweigh any they have received in years, that the ratio of opposition to the bill runs from 8 to 1 to 20 to 1.

The fight against conscription has also spurred support for the Emergency Peace Mobilization in Chicago, Aug. 31. Miss Ethel Beach, executive secretary of the Sponsoring Committee here, stated that 800 Clevelanders will go to Chicago. She announced that among the Cleveland sponsors are: Rev. C. F. McLehner, head of the Religion and Labor Center; Elmer Fehlhaber, state secretary of Labor's Non-Partisan League; Mrs. Ida P. Miller, president of the Ohio Federation of Negro Women's Clubs; Russell Chase, chairman of the American Civil Liberties Union; Rev. Grant Reynolds, president of the NAACP; Dorothy Nyland, executive secretary of the Cleveland Church Federation; A. E. Stevenson, executive secretary of the Cleveland Industrial Union Council; Edward Crudele of the National Lawyers Guild; Frieda Siegworth, executive secretary of the Industrial YWCA; Herman Weiner of

## 'Subversive' Says ALP Progressives

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Nothing will make you look cooler than a sheer coat-dress, slim as a pencil, over polka dots. The lady in the picture gets that dynamic air of fascination from the enormous polka-dot bow at her throat and the big cartwheel draped in veiling that she wears like a halo. Her color scheme is navy and white. The whole get-up would be equally inspiring in black and white, green and white, or any other combination that has a cool effect.



## ESCAPED DEATH:

Still dazed, crew members of the fast freight-commuter coach train wreck near Akron, O., sit along railroad tracks. More than two score persons died as trains crashed head-on. Rail company immediately tried to pin blame on workers. Left to right: O. M. Lodge, and E. Krops, engineers of the freight, and E. R. Collier, conductor of the coach.

conscription bill and declared it would destroy "our most cherished asset, our democracy."

The rally, held under the auspices of the Massachusetts Peace Council, voted unanimously to send a telegram to President Roosevelt, Senators Lodge, Walsh and Wheeler and the heads of the Military Affairs committee of House and Senate a telegram containing the protest.

The statement had been endorsed by scores of prominent men and women of Greater Boston. The signers included Prof. Kirtley Mather, Prof. Marcel Francon, Dr. Russell Nixon and Howard Baker, all of Harvard; Prof. Dirk Struik of M. I. T., Prof. Edgar Brightman of Boston University, Rev. Alfred Cole, Bernard Rice of Presbyterian University, Mrs. William F. Hogan; Orville Poland, Massachusetts Civil Liberties Committee; Alice Stone Blackwell; Thomas McGowan, National Maritime Union; Margaret McNeilly, Social Service Employees Union; John S. R. Bourne, New England Congress for Equal Opportunities; Jesse Prosten, Massachusetts CIO; Edwin B. Goodell, Unitarian Fellowship for Social Action; Rev. S. Hastings Smythe; George A. Selleck, Society of Friends, and Radha Aldrich League of Women Writers.

Opposition to the bill was voiced by Father O'Toole, writer for the Catholic Worker of Boston, and Mrs. Hanna Connor, of the Massachusetts Mothers Neutrality League.

The delegates reported.

### CITES DANGERS

"Instead we find the biggest sources of defense production, the large steel, auto and armament manufacturers, operating at big profits, and exercising their choice as to whether or not they will produce for defense."

"The bill has other dangerous features for salaried workers, such as the obvious risk of discrimination against union members in the authority given the War and Navy Departments to hold some men beyond the training period and to exempt others entirely on the claim they are needed elsewhere in the national interest."

"We need real defense of America and its institutions, not the suppression of elementary American justice and traditions in the name of such defense. We must not repeat the mistakes England and particularly of France."

## Mass. Rally Sees Blow to Liberty

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### On European and Asiatic Battlefields'

Rarely has a reactionary piece of legislation evoked such a widespread protest as has the Burke-Wadsworth Conscription Bill. From all parts of the country, from all sections of the common people, the letters are pouring into Congress. The leaders of both major parties and practically the entire press are pushing conscription, but the people have a mind of their own and are speaking out.

The war-mongering press is busy trying to explain away the fears of the people. But those fears will not be downed because they are based on a deep suspicion that the proposed draft is for war against the people at home and for imperialist greed abroad.

In claiming that the country needs both a "professional trained, long service machine army" and a "mass army," the Herald Tribune says that "both have certainly appeared together on all the European and Asiatic battlefields." Here is revealed—perhaps unconsciously—what the sponsors of the conscription bill really have in the back of their minds—that the huge army which they would build, is meant for aggressive war on "all the European and Asiatic battle-fields."

The "whittling down" process which the bill has undergone in committee, should deceive no one. Under pressure of the voters, the bill is being cut down into pieces, with the obvious intention of pushing forward some pieces now and holding back the rest until the people are off their guard—or completely gagged.

Let the voice of the people continue to roar toward the nation's capital—telling their Senators and Congressmen that they stand for the country's true defense but not for imperialist adventures and that therefore they do not want this infamous bill or any part of it.

### The Criminal Folly Of Anti-Soviet Policies

As the American people read the speech of Premier Molotov of the Soviet Union, they cannot but be struck by certain notable facts. Here is the spokesman for the Workers State calmly describing the successes of his Government in startling contrast to the disastrous condition in which the capitalist countries find themselves. Molotov speaks for a peace policy that works.

The whole world can watch it work. They say they want no part of this dirty war, and they mean it. They show the peoples of all countries exactly how to stay out of it, exactly how to stay neutral in a war between the rival imperialists of London and Berlin.

This contrast between the Soviet Union's calm and peaceful strength, and the raging horrors which face the peoples ruled by the imperialist governments, is certainly worth careful study by us here in the United States.

For the successes of the Soviet Union are successes of peace and liberation; they have not only defeated all efforts of the imperialists to trick them into their wars; they have also taken out of the path of the war millions of people in the Baltic and Balkan countries.

In Molotov's speech, we get an irrefutable picture of one of the basic political lessons of these war days:

That every country which played along with the British-French tactic of starting an anti-Soviet war has met with catastrophe and ruin. The countries which decided to maintain friendly, peaceful relations with the Soviet Union have escaped the ruin which has descended upon the friends of the Chamberlain-Churchill-Daladier policies.

These are the facts.

The "French" policy of tearing up the Pact with the Soviet Union, the pulling of chestnuts out of the fire for British imperialism, has led the French people into the trap of the invader. The "French" policy, as Molotov bluntly phrased it, "of treating

too lightly the role and weight of the Soviet Union in European affairs"—this policy of the French "200 Families" led France straight to catastrophe. It simply collapsed as a working policy for the French nation, serving the interests of only a minority of greedy profiteers who love their class privileges far more than they could ever love France.

How many millions of human beings are paying the bitter price of this desperate policy which bases itself on the hope of a criminal war against the Soviet Union! Will these imperialist gentlemen never learn? Will they not learn from the steady train of ruin which has descended upon them that this policy of "solving" their antagonisms at the expense of the U.S.S.R. does not and cannot work?

And yet as late as April—three months ago—Molotov informs the world, the British imperialists were caught red-handed trying to shove Persia and Turkey into crazy aggressions against the Soviet Union, trying to turn them into a battlefield for the Bank of England. This revelation is of great value to the American people. It gives them important facts about the British ruling clique, and the program it has in store for the U. S. if the pro-war forces here achieve their aim.

Such exposures of the imperialist trickeries stir the peoples of the world. They know that Molotov's warning that the war may engulf new countries, especially the U. S., is a real warning, based on their own interests.

The people everywhere know, despite all political immaturities and confusions, that speeches like Molotov's are valuable aids to them in their fight for peace; they are encouraged and clarified. Their instinct tells them that the Soviet Union's successes are their successes as well, that the Soviet Union's advancing strength is an obstacle to reaction and the imperialist war-makers.

Yet, here in our own country, we are afflicted by the Sumner Welles and Bullitt cliques. They are foisting upon the American people the very same anti-Soviet stupidities for which the innocent peoples of Europe are now paying so heavy a price.

The government policy at Washington continues, in direct contradiction to the best interests of the American people, to perpetuate hostility and friction, to provoke unfriendly relations. The Washington policy is to sell scrap iron to Japan, to build up aggression in the Pacific against the U. S., and to fling to the winds the potential collaboration of this powerful and trustworthy power, the Soviet Union.

In Washington, the ruinous anti-Soviet policy prevails.

Against their wishes, against their best interests, the American people are tied to this policy by the self-willed reactionaries at Washington.

It seems to us that a sober analysis of the situation must lead any honest American who desires the security and peace of his country to rise in indignation at such a policy. It is a policy of drastic reaction at home and aggressions abroad. It is a policy which is exemplified by the scheme to seize South American empire in the name of "defense," to enter the imperialist grab-fest which is drenching the world in blood.

Can the American people support such an anti-Soviet policy, such a policy of obvious preparation for aggression in the Far East and South America?

The fate which has befallen this Munich policy elsewhere cries out the answer. In the Soviet Union, the American people have a powerful ally in the fight for peace. But the present Washington policy deprives them of this useful ally.

### The Park Department Does A Turn for duPont

It is a shocking state of affairs when a branch of the LaGuardia Administration is used by a powerful economic royalist in exacting tribute from the poor.

Yet, it has happened.

Orders came from the offices of Park Commissioner Robert Moses, that hard-working newsmen and boot-blacks had to paint their stands with a grey-green color "equal" to the "duPont DeLuxe"—or else lose their license by Aug. 1. The joker was, as the stand keepers found, that none other than duPont puts out this rare and indispensable color. Hence, a rainfall of profits at the expense of the poorest people.

The duPont munitions makers are one of the chief war profiteers. They excel all others in converting human blood into gold and dividends. The newsstand keepers have asked, and the whole people have a right to know: What connection is there between the Park Department and the duPont monopoly?

No amount of talk about "beautifying the city" will explain away this piece of bullying and highway robbery.



by Gropper

## Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

THE Old Testament shows that Moses originated compulsory military conscription, says General Hugh Johnson, so how can anyone oppose the Burke-Wadsworth Bill? This is powerful argumentation. But after reading through the Books of Deuteronomy and Numbers, we find that Moses did not put through a draft in peace-time, that he didn't use it as a device to make trade unionists lose their jobs permanently while corporations would be piling up war profits, that he didn't have designs on all of South America and that he believed that thou shalt not covet anything of thy neighbor's including his Dutch East Indies. Moses mobilized the people in order to lead them to the Promised Land—not to land of broken promises.

Sidney Hillman told the Auto Workers' Convention that when it comes to lengthening the work week, the workers will do it voluntarily. And if a manufacturer wants to put through a 20 per cent wage cut, we suppose Hillman will militantly insist on the workers' right to voluntarily cut their pay twice as much.

But, after all, why shouldn't the workers have longer hours? Don't the employers have to put in longer hours these days—counting up their war profits?

Hillman tried to reassure the auto workers by telling them that he sees the President once a week. But the workers are not concerned with the number of his visits to the White House. They want to know what goes on after he arrives.

Hillman declared that no one in Washington says "Hillman, don't do this." Probably all they have to say is: "Hillman, DO this."

Hillman evidently thinks that the workers should feel flattered to death to have a union leader invited to the White House. We suppose that if Roosevelt invites him to stay for lunch, that's just as if the President were inviting the entire working class—and so the workers should be willing to go without their usual dinner that day.

But if Hillman enjoys these White House invitations so much, the workers ought to help him get more of them. For example, if the unions would start demanding wage increases in all industries, Roosevelt would invite Hillman two and three times a day to figure out how to stop the workers.

**CONSTANCY**  
Today I switched to Colgate's  
Once I brushed my plates with Vine;  
The cigarettes I smoked were Camels,  
Yet Wings I've changed to since.  
Once my shorts were decked with buttons,  
Now they're closed with clips;  
I watch the Ads for innovations—  
I'm the butt of scornful quips.  
But though the winds of doctrine blow  
And the leather lungs shoot sparks,  
I still shall take my wisdom  
From the solid works of Marx.

—MARTIN BANK.

Now that U. S. Steel has increased its profits by 1,500 per cent, we know what President Roosevelt meant when he said "there will be no war millionaires." He means that no small business men would climb up into the millionaire class through war profits—the gravy would all go to the big monopolies.

S. R. sends us this headline from Hearst's Herald-American of Chicago: "John N. Garner Has Been True to Every Trust." And he comments: "Yeah—oil, steel and aluminum."

If the founding Fathers had been afraid of the word "revolution," the Duke of Windsor might be sailing in this direction right now to govern—not the Bahamas—but us.

The Department of Health has just put out a How to Keep Cool poster with the advice: "Take it Easy." Will it place these posters in sweatshops?

Urgent warning for warm weather says: Don't let anyone put you in a draft.

(Point of Order now appears on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.)

## Conscription--a Violent Assault on Civil Liberties

Philadelphia, Pa.

Editor, Daily Worker:  
Enclosed please find copy of a letter I sent to my Senator:

"This conscription bill is one of the most violent abrogations of our civil liberties that has yet been advanced in Congress. The people are astounded by the hectic speed with which our Congress is attempting to turn Ameria into a vast concentration camp.

"When the people went to the polls to vote, they thought they were getting representatives in Congress who would carry out the duties of protecting the traditions for which America stands. What did our Congress do? They cut down WPA while the people suffered for want of jobs. They killed the anti-lynch bill, while millions of our heroic Negro people, and other millions of their white fellow citizens are struggling to bring the benefits of American democracy to the most exploited section of our population.

"If you vote for this bill, Mr. Senator, you will go through history with the blood of those fine young men on your hands, who will be slaughtered if black reaction succeeds in dragging this country into a world war or into some fantastic military adventure of their own."

—R.W.F.

Calls Conscription 'Betrayal of Democracy'  
New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:  
The attempt to put over fascist conscription against the will of the vast majority of the American people makes it crystal clear what kind of a "national defense" Congress and the President desire.

The American people, loving their democracy as they do, have not the slightest intention of this kind of "national defense," and openly denounce it as a national betrayal of democracy.

The American people fully realize that this sort of "national defense" is put over not for strengthening this country against any possible future invasion, but to weaken our defenses.

It is not a conscription for any form of democracy. It is a conscription to destroy democracy and establish its opposite, fascism.

M. G.

## Letters From Our Readers

Best Defense for Country—  
Free and Prosperous People

Philadelphia, Pa.

Editor, Daily Worker:  
Enclosed please find copy of a letter sent to my Congressman:

"The Congress is about to perpetrate a monstrous betrayal of the American people, in response to the lies about a theoretical 'foreign attack' generated by the big bankers and airplane manufacturers.

"I want you to know how I feel about this threat. I think it is a dastardly piece of trickery, a sell-out against the American youth. Youth asked nothing but a square deal, jobs, education, and a chance to get married.

"Every Congressman knows that the best defense for America is a free and prosperous people. Every congressman also knows that a suffering people burdened with taxes to support a war machine, and with

terror about imaginary "fifth Columns," is an easy bait for a Hitler.

"America can do more for peace by taking care of its population at home, passing bills guaranteeing greater social security and defending democratic liberties. If the Conscription bill passes Congress, then the path will be clear for those interested in making profits from slaughter to pass a bill declaring war on some foreign power.

—R.W.F.

College Students Overwhelmingly  
Against Conscription

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:  
I am nineteen years old and in my second year in college. Recently there has been much discussion concerning the merits of the draft bill.

"Happily, among students of my school the overwhelming consensus of opinion is against the bill.

A. B.

## CHANGE THE WORLD



We Must Act  
Quickly to Avoid  
New Slavery

By MIKE GOLD

Canada is at war. It has been at war with Nazi Germany for almost a year.

The United States is not at war. In the platform of the major political parties both presidential nominees and their followers explicitly promise that American youth will never be forced to fight overseas.

But here is the paradox that now confronts us: Canada, many months after having made its declaration of war, still has not thought it necessary to pass any conscription law. But the President and the Congress of the United States are anxious to fasten such a law upon us.

They are about to shatter an American tradition more deeply-rooted and important than the third-term issue. Conscription while a nation is at peace was always considered part of European militarism. Millions of Europeans since 1848 have come here to escape the hateful service to a king and his military machine.

But now the idle kings, dukes and princes are flocking to America on our battleships and in the bridal suites of American liners. Perhaps they are bringing their system with them. Already conscription of all men between the ages of 18 to 64 may become part of American life by this September. The President is for it, despite his promises to keep war and militarism out of America. Most of his Democratic henchmen, from liberal Harry Hopkins to fascist Mayor Hague, are for this conscription. The President's Republican enemies in the capitalist sham battle that is called an election, are as enthusiastically for it. The capitalists of America present a solid front on this issue.

Is it their marvelous patriotism? Is it their anxiety to be ready to fight Hitler and the encroachments of fascism?

One doubt it. This conscription law is the trickiest document that conspirators in high office ever tried to put over on the American people.

Its fraudulent character is revealed in the fact that it enrolls every male from 18 to 64. (The Senate Committee has just reduced the figure in order to lull the vigilance of the people.)

In the last war, when soldiers were needed, the draft first called to the colors men from the ages of 21 to 31, without families or dependents. It took almost a year to train them and ship them to France. The next registration was from 18 to 45, but the war ended before many of the lower and higher age classifications could be trained and shipped.

That is the practical technique to take soldiers for fighting—the fittest men are first called.

The farmers of the present act claim they are working on the same principle. They will take only some 400,000 youth by September for a year's training. Then by next April they will take the same number.

Why then did they need to slip a joker in the bill, forcing all men from 18 to 64 to register, when by their own admission this would mean 42 million men, and only a million and a half can now be trained?

Here, too one must go to Europe for the answer.

What such a total registration of the man power of the nation means is a death sentence for trade unions.

Let any union dare to strike after this law has been passed, and its members can be called temporarily to the colors. They will be under military law. And military officers will command them to return to their work, at whatever wages and hours the masters dictate.

No more Wagner Act—no more arbitration—no more democracy. Martial law in industry.

France was the classic land where this procedure was used against the workers in peace-time. Millerand and Briand were two premiers, renegade Socialists both, who employed this famous trick for crushing strikes and making the national defence and the national flag two potent weapons in the hands of the low-wage oligarchy.

Our new conscription bill is especially designed for this same treachery to labor. The bill empowers the President and the Congress to call every American male to the army whenever an emergency exists. But the emergency is not defined. It is they who will name the emergencies, and as all the world knows, every strike looks to the average capitalist not only like an emergency but the end of the world.

It is notable that the most vociferous senators and congressmen whooping for this bill are self-convinced fascists like Burke of Nebraska and Reynolds of North Carolina.

Men who have often praised Hitler and Hitlerism in the past, they are obviously not interested now in building an army to fight Hitler. What makes them gloat aloud, as they are doing today, is that this bill ensures the sort of America they want.

It will be an America with a regimented population. Every male will have to have a passport. He will not be able to move from job to job without some permission by his masters stamped on his passport. He will find it dangerous to belong to a trade union—it will be somewhere in his identification, and a black mark. If he strikes, he may find himself mobilized, and tried by a court martial. If he makes a speech, or writes an article the masters don't like they can also mobilize him.

There is nothing in the bill that guarantees against such an extension and abuse of its clauses.

Fascism, as anyone who has studied its morbid history can attest, doesn't come with a bang to a country. It sneaks up on cat feet. It most often wins with a rabbit-punch. It comes in the form of some legalistic measure that even the feather-headed optimists among Socialists and liberals can swallow cheerfully. Maybe I am too pessimistic, and I hope that I am, but this conscription law looks to me like IT.

This is the enemy at last; he has sneaked into the bedroom, and unless we wake in time, the chains of modern slavery will be upon us.

## 'South of Pago Pago,' An Escape to the Tropics

SOUTH OF PAGO-PAGO. Directed by Alfred E. Green. An Edward Small-United Artists picture. At the Radio City Music Hall.

With one eye on the fast-dwindling foreign markets and the other on Roosevelt's war plans Hollywood is limiting itself to tropical trips like "South of Pago-Pago" (pronounced Pango-ditto). The public wants escapist entertainment," the producers alibi. That public, in whose name

so many sins are committed, certainly wants to escape from this stuff.

Manos is a Polynesian paradise until that pearl-hunting punk, Bucko Larsen (Victor McLaglen) starts combing its harbor. He brings with him a bunch of Hollywood cut-throats and Ruby Taylor (Frances Farmer). The beautiful blonde takes to the chieftain's handsome son (Jon Hall) while Bucko and his jolly mates rape the virgin island in their lust for pearls. Death and destruction reign supreme until the idyllic lovers regenerate the island.

Frances Farmer deserved something far better on her return to the screen.—M. M.

and won't take "Hit Parade of '41" for an answer.

Broadway has two interesting notes. The first is that Oscar Senn's production of "Life With Father" has already given profits of 1000 per cent to the backers... And "Tobacco Road" (with Will Geer as Jester Lester) closed its New York run August 17 after setting an all-time record of 2847 consecutive performances. 20th Century Fox is said to be dickering for picture rights.

## Holdovers and New Arrivals



### Art Classes For Children Open at Fair

Children's art classes in painting and the graphic arts will be conducted at the American Art Today Building at the New York World's Fair for a period of two weeks under the auspices of the Art Teaching Division of the New York City WPA Art Project.

Youthful members of community centers and settlement houses in the various boroughs of New York City will attend daily classes at the American Art Today Building from Monday to Thursday during the weeks beginning August 5th and August 12th. The purpose of these classes is to give visitors at the Fair an opportunity of seeing the methods used in art teaching by the New York City W. P. A. Art Project.

The classes will be conducted in the same manner as those being given by the project this summer through the next three seasons and

resembles in some respects the minimum basic contract of the Actors' Equity Association, establishing standard wage and working conditions for the opera.

A few years the mere thought of organizing the Met and organizing

on a closed shop basis would have been unthinkable. Under the long reign of Signor Gatti-Casazza as impresario, the opera was established on the European model established in the long ago when indulgent monarchs subsidized companies of singers. Great stars ruled supreme, feuds and cabals made life backstage exciting to some, miserable to others. The rank and file performers, the choristers and ballet dancers, the supernumeraries and minor singers took what they could get in the way of remuneration and were supposed to be glad to work for the famous Met.

When Gatti left the Met and an

American administration began,

conditions only changed in degree.

The opera was criss-crossed with all sorts of personal contracts. Artists

were bled by managers and in turn

became managers and tried to bleed young singers. Kickbacks to executives, coaches, conductors and other notables was a common practice.

More than 7,500 children are en-

rolled in regular Summer Art

courses given by the Art Teaching

Division in 91 centers in New York City. A total of 140 teachers are employed at present in this work.

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### Music Notes

There will be no falling off in the number of recitals to be given in New York next fall. For the period up to Jan. 1, 1941, the Columbia Concerts Corporation has al-

ready booked twenty per cent more

recitals than at this time last sum-

mer. The trend of artists seems

markedly toward the larger halls,

Carnegie and Town, seating audi-

ences of 2,752 and 1,498, respec-

tively. Many artists are moving into these auditoriums for the first

time, and six of seven debuts so far

arranged by Columbia will take

place in Town Hall. Recitals will

also be booked in Carnegie Cham-

ber and Steinway Halls.

Among the artists under the man-

agement of Columbia Concerts Cor-

poration who have arranged New

York recitals during the first half

of the season are:

Paul Robeson, Erno Balogh,

Jascha Heifetz, Albert Spalding,

Simon Barer, The Trapp Family

Singers.

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also been arranged by Columbia

Concerts, and include the following

artists who have not previously

been heard in New York:

Francis Flanagan, Gertrude Barry,

Bronislav Gimpel, Jerry Collins,

Nathan Chaikin, Elizabeth Travis,

Marie Arakian.

A bevy of well-known artists fill

out the Columbia Concerts recital

list for the first half of next year's

music season.

A glance at the new opera con-

tracts shows that they eliminate

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By DAVE FARRELL

No one would believe it but in my own macabre sort of way I'm a sort of an etymologist, especially on the subject of baseball of course. I'm a great guy for the study of words and terms, especially as they are used by ball players. You know, there's a language for baseball. Not that coined by the sportswriters. Players never talk about a "twin-killing" or a "pilfered base." Those are labored phrases only used by the scribes in an effort to get a little color into a story. But the players themselves talk a rich racy lingo, one which you never see in a printed story. Even umpires have their own lingo.

And since very few of you have ever gotten your names in a Spalding Year-Book or been written up in the St. Louis Sporting News, I'm going to take it for granted that: 1) you're not familiar with the lingo of the leagues; and 2) if you've read this far you might be interested in the glossary of players' terms which will constitute this column. So here goes baseball as she is spoken by our favorites in print:

**A CHUCKER**—A pitcher who is not smart and pitches with his arm only instead of his head. Bob Feller was a chucker until two years ago when he became a real pitcher.

**SPOT PITCHING**—Pitching with accuracy to the corners of the plate to acknowledged weaknesses of hitters.

**SCATTER ARM**—A pitcher with very little control.

**A COUSIN**—A pitcher who is easy to hit.

**THE GREASE, THE FAT, THE TROUGH**—Expressions for pitches right down the middle.

**BAD PITCH**—One hit for two or more bases with men on bases.

**BEHIND THE HITTER**—The count of two or three balls and none or one strike.

**AHEAD OF THE HITTER**—One or two strikes and no balls.

**END OF THE STRING**—The count of three and two.

**NUMBER ONE**—The fast ball.

**DEUCE OR "HERRING"**—The curve. These terms are used because a catcher invariably uses one finger for the fast and 2 for the curve.

**DIPSY-DOO**—Any trick delivery like the screwball or knuckler.

**TO SHAKE HIM OFF**—The toss of the head given by a pitcher when he doesn't agree with the catcher's signal.

**FULL THE STRING**—The change of pace, or slow ball, thrown with same motion as the fast or curve ball.

**ON HIS OWN**—A relief pitcher who has the score tied up and has the game to win or lose.

**CRIPPLE**—OR AUTOMATIC STRIKE—The ball thrown right down the heart of the plate with the count of three balls and no strikes.

**HORSECOLLAR**—A batter set down hitless.

**DUSTER OR BEAN BALL**—A pitch thrown at the head of a batter who crowds the plate to "loosen him up."

**HIT SIGN**—The signal for the hit and run play.

**TOOLS OF IGNORANCE**—The catcher's mask, protector, shin-guards and sponge. So called because a catcher's job is a thankless one.

**RECEIVER**—The highest words of praise that can be heaped on a smart catcher.

**SITTING IN A ROCKER**—Your catcher's expression for a pitcher who has control and who is comparatively easy to handle.

**CAN OF CORN**—A lazy high fly which is easy to catch.

**CORN FIELD**—A rough stony infield.

**COW IN THE PASTURE**—A notoriously poor outfielder.

**HAYCAP**—An outfielder who is continually misjudging flies and needs protection from being killed by balls hit in his direction.

**FANCY DAN**—Any fielder who makes easy plays look hard for the sake of the fans.

**THE HITTER**—The batter. As long as I've been around players I've never heard them referred to as the "batter." It's always the "hitter."

**BALTIMORE CHOP**—A high bounder that frequently gets beaten out.

**TIPPY-UP HITTER**—A player whose speed enables him to get a lot of infield hits.

**A BLEEDER**—The rankest kind of a "scratch" hit.

**BLOOPER OR HUMBACKED LINER**—A Texas Leaguer.

**BANJO HITTER**—A hitter who can't hit the ball out of the infield.

**TWO O'CLOCK HITTER**—A fellow who looks great in batting practice but lousy in the game.

**Sports Editor Lester Rodney is on vacation. His column, "On the Scoreboard," will be resumed upon his return.**



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# DAILY WORKER SPORTS

NEW YORK, SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 1940

## Cubs Nose Out Dodgers, 4-3, As Rally Fails

Ninth Inning Spurt Falls Short as Relief Hurler Passeau Fans Reese with Two on—Tamlulis Suffers Second Loss of Season

A final ninth-inning bid by the Dodgers fell one run short as the Chicago Cubs, behind good pitching by veteran southpaw Larry French beat them 4 to 3 and undermined their chance for gaining on the Reds, who lost their first game to Boston.

Peewee Reese was the fielding hero of the day with two amazing stops, and he did well at bat collecting two hits, a double in third and a single in the sixth, but with the chips down in the ninth, runners perched on second and third and two, he ignominiously took a third strike.

The Cubs teed off and drove Little Vito Tamulis off the mound in the fourth with a three-run splurge. Hank Leiber led off with a single and moved to third on Zeke Bonura's double to the right field corner. He scored soon after on Rabbit Warstler's infield out following Al Todd's intentional pass. The Rabbit stole second, but he could have saved his energy as Stan Hack got another free pass. Billy Herman, who drove in three of the visitor's four runs and was the thorn in the locals' side, slapped a single through the hole between short and third that scored Bonura and Warstler and with the same blow sent Vito to the showers in favor of Tot Pressnell. Tot had two undefeated teams and no L.I.U. team under his guidance has lost more than four games a season.

Paul Mooney, famous coach at Columbia University; Ed Kelleher of Fordham and Red Smith of New Jersey will teach the brand of ball played in the East. Each of those coaches has established an enviable record for turning out winning teams. Representing the West will be George Keegan of Notre Dame and Dr. Carlson of Pittsburgh. Both of these men have been able to place their schools in the basketball limelight by reason of their coaching ability.

It is expected that the Clinic will draw students from every section of the country and from present indications it should be the largest basketball school in the country.

In the sixth the Durochermen began their whittling activities. Reese led off with a one-bagger, took second on Dixie Walker's sacrifice bunt, then rode home on Joe Vosmik's line single to center.

With one out in the seventh and Coscarati roosting on second, Joe Gallagher leaned into one that travelled near the left field bullpen for a triple. Reese tried to catch the Bruins with a surprise bunt but Todd pounded on the ball and threw him out.

The Chicagoans final marker came in the sixth on Hack's double and Herman's single.

Phelps to third. On the second pitch to Reese Franks stole second but it was all to no avail as the shortstop struck out.

Curt Davis will probably start today against Ken Raffensberger or Vern Olsen, two of Hartnett's young southpaws.

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